

ABSOLUTE RATING: Average

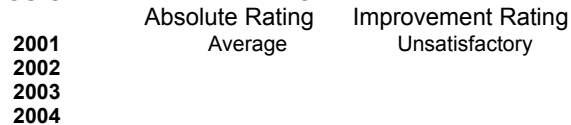
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Unsatisfactory

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 90.

The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from below average to excellent.

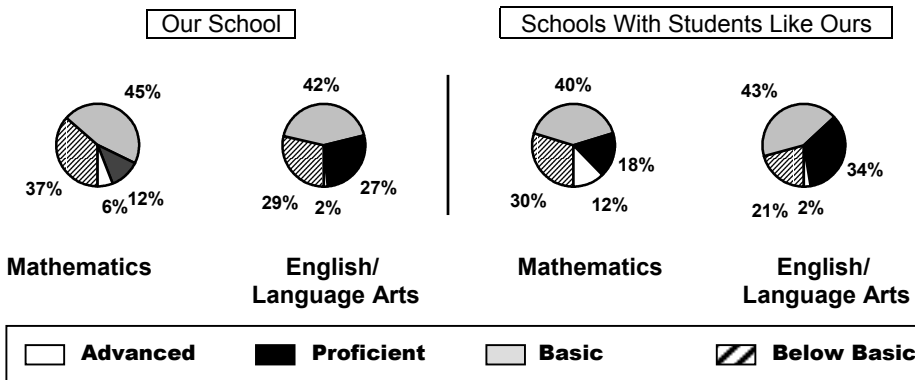
For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=263)	71.5	63.5	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=17)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=245)	73.9	65.7		
Gender				
Male (n=126)	66.7	64.6		
Female (n=136)	76.5	62.5		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=53)	62.3	59.3		
Hispanic (n=6)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=203)	73.4	65		
Other (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=132)	62.1	58.3		
Pay for lunch (n=130)	81.5	68.7		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

SCHOOL	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,015	N/A	\$5,023	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	90.4%	Down from 91.8%	90.4%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.2 to 1	N/A	18.9 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=585)				
• Attendance Rate	96.1%	Up from 95.9%	96.2%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	2.7%	N/A	3.7%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	2.7%	N/A	2.6%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	95.7%	Up from 91.3%	96.1%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	5.7%	Up from 4.8%	3.3%	3.6%
TEACHERS (n=36)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	7.5 Days	Up from 6.4	7.5 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	95.6%	Down from 96.6%	95.2%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	47.2%	Down from 47.4%	48.6%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	86.1%	Down from 89.5%	83%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	Down from 2.6%	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	95.8%	Down from 96.6%	87.7%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$39,278	Up 3.2%	\$37,988	\$37,520

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	70%	N/A	65.4%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	1	N/A	4	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	99%	N/A	97%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	20.9%	Down from 27.1%	42.1%	43.1%
• On academic probation	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	69.9%	Up from 0.6%	1.1%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	0	N/A	0	1
• Gifted and talented	16.5%	Up from 13.6%	14%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	5.2%	Up from 3.9%	8.7%	8.4%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

This has been a very challenging year at Byrd Elementary School. Our students have performed well academically and artistically. They engaged in service activities and set an example for all students in our community. Among our accomplishments are the following:

- Significant gains were noted by 3rd and 4th grades in ELA and Math 2000 PACT scores
- Significant increase in the number of 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students qualifying for the SOAR program
- First through 5th grade art students were rewarded at both the State and National levels with recognition
- Choral students performed in engagements throughout the community
- Forty-five students completed the after-school Math and ELA tutorial program

We successfully completed our "Five Year Self Study" with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. A majority of our teachers attended professional conferences and development courses focusing on reading, writing, and mathematics. In addition several of our teachers served on State and local educational committees.

We completed the "School Renewal Plan," which identifies specific goals and strategies to be addressed by the school. We have a first grade teacher applying for National Board Certification and the 2001 Teacher of The Year is Mrs. Mae Heath, who will represent our school at the District's level of competition.

We appreciate the dedicated efforts of our PTO and School Improvement Council. The PTO successfully conducted fundraisers to support the character awards and instructional programs. A \$17,500 Gregg-Graniteville Foundation Grant was awarded. This provided additional computers and software to be used by students in every 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classroom and the 2001-2002 agenda to be used by students in kindergarten through 5th grades.

Byrd Elementary is a good place to be! However, we still have specific needs due to a limited facility, which inhibits program expansion. We continue to encourage our parents and all stakeholders to take an active role in the educational process of our students.

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	94.7	90.4	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	81.6	91.9	
Satisfied with home-school relations	73.7	88.9	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
- Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
- Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
- Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
- Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Byrd Elementary
1 Willis Circle
Graniteville, SC 29829

Grades K-5 Elementary School

Enrollment: 585 Students

Principal
Mrs. Rosie Berry 803-663-4320

Superintendent
Dr. Linda B. Eldridge 803-641-2428

Board Chair
Dr. John B. Bradley 803-641-2431



THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Below Average



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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